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1. The Peiping/Feng-t'ai was opened for double track traffic on 1 Jan 54. Feng-t'ai is an important railway junction twenty kilometers southwest of Peiping.
2. At Wu-chan (also transliterated Wuhan) two big railway bridges are under construction. One crosses the Yangtse, the other its largest tributary, the Han. These bridges are to unite the Peiping-Hankow railway line (1,220 kilometers) and the Canton-Hankow line (1,000 kilometers).
3. Originally a railway line between Ch'eng-tu and T'ien-shui was planned to unite the provinces of Szechuan and Shensi. The plan has been somewhat altered and the Ch'eng-tu line will now be extended to Pao-chi. Construction of this line of about 700 kilometers was begun in July 1952. The northern section of this line, 243 kilometers long, has now been taken in hand. It includes a tunnel 2,300 meters long in the Tsingling Mountains, at a height of 2,000 meters and a bridge over the Wei Ho 390 meters long. After a year's work, the bridge at Fou-K'ang, on the Ch'eng-tu/Pao-chi line was finished 21 Nov 53. It is 371 meters long, one of the biggest of the seven bridges on the line. The Fou-K'ang bridge apparently crosses the Fou Chiang, northeast of Tungchuan. Tien-shui is identical with T'ung-ch'uan tao, or Tsinshow (on the Wei Ho 200 kilometers southeast of Lantschou). Pao-chi is 120 kilometers farther east on the left bank of the Wei Ho.

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4. Between K'un-ming (capital of Yunnan) and Ch'eng-tu, a new railway line is planned. The line is to be 810 kilometers long. Most of it will run toward Chin-sha Chiang touching the large copper mine of Tungchuan, 110 kilometers north of K'un-ming and China's largest tin center at Kokio (or Ko-chiu) southern Yunnan. At Ch'eng-tu this new railway line will connect with the Ch'eng-tu/Pao-chi stretch, now under construction. Ko-chiu is 180 kilometers south of K'un-ming and is the terminus of a rail line running south from K'un-ming.
5. On 7 Jan 54 a new railway bridge, 781 meters long over the Hsiang-chiang was completed. This is on the Chiu-ssu-en/Hsiang-t'ian line. Hsiang-t'ian is 30 kilometers southwest of Ch'ang-sha. This stretch is to connect the Canton-Hankow line with the planned east-west line through the provinces of Hu-lan and Kweitschau.
6. On 1 Jan 54 the new through-traffic road between K'un-ming and Ch'e-li (on the Mekong River, just north of the "Three Country Corners" where China, Thailand, and Burma meet) was opened. Ch'e-li is the capital of the autonomous Tai province in southern Yunnan. As a result, K'un-ming can now be reached from Ch'e-li in four days, instead of a month, as hitherto.
7. The K'un-ming/Ch'e-li road has obvious strategic significance in relation to the known Communist ambitions in Indochina, Burma, and Thailand.

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